



Lauderdale plans for day in park

It will be east versus west again when the annual tug-of-war gets under way at the Lauderdale Day in the Park, Aug. 6.

The tug of war, in which the residents from the east side of the village are undefeated, is only one of many activities planned for the day-long celebration in Lauderdale Park, Roselawn Avenue and Fulham Street.

The day will begin with a tennis

tournament at 8:30 a.m. and end with a concert by the Roseville Band at 7:30 p.m.

In between will be a token hunt, horseshoe pitching and volleyball, children's games, a water balloon toss, and a dunk tank. The Boy Scouts will set up their rope bridge. Animals from Como Zoo will make an appearance.

"We welcome all people from our neighboring communities to

come and enter into our festivities," said LaVanche Peterson, public relations director for the Lauderdale Civic Club, sponsors of the event.

The Tennis tournament is the only activity restricted to Lauderdale residents.

Refreshments will be sold throughout the afternoon, including corn on the cob, beginning at 4 p.m.



Sixty years together

Celebrating 60 years (or more) of marriage at a party at Fairview Senior Center June 29 were (from left) Hazel and Don Harvey (65 years), who used to live in St. Anthony Park; Eva and Ben Kuefler (66 years), St. Anthony Park; Elsie and Chester Wisen (60 years), Lauderdale; Clara and Sandy Scavo (60 years), Lauderdale; Isabell and Al Harvey (62 years), who used to live in St. Anthony Park. All told, 17 couples celebrated their 60+ wedding anniversaries at the party. Photo by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey.

Labor dispute at nursing home may heat up

by Diane DuBay

A Commonwealth Healthcare Center labor dispute that has been simmering for the past two years may begin to percolate when the labor contract between Beverly Enterprises, owner of the facility, and approximately 80 AFL-CIO non-supervisory healthcare workers expires on July 31.

Thelma Stone, Commonwealth physical therapy aide and Local 789 shop steward, said that Beverly Enterprises had agreed to honor the existing union contract when it purchased Commonwealth in 1981. According to Stone, the major contract dispute is over wages.

"I haven't had a raise in two years," she said. Stone said that regular wage increases received

by employees were quite small, especially in an industry known for low wages. Stone said that wages for Commonwealth non-supervisory personnel range from \$5.10 to \$8 per hour.

Ken Kokaisel, president of Local 789, said that Beverly Enterprises has refused to pay wage increases due to employees under the terms of the contract. The increases were contingent upon the amount of funding Beverly receives from the Department of Public Welfare for patient care.

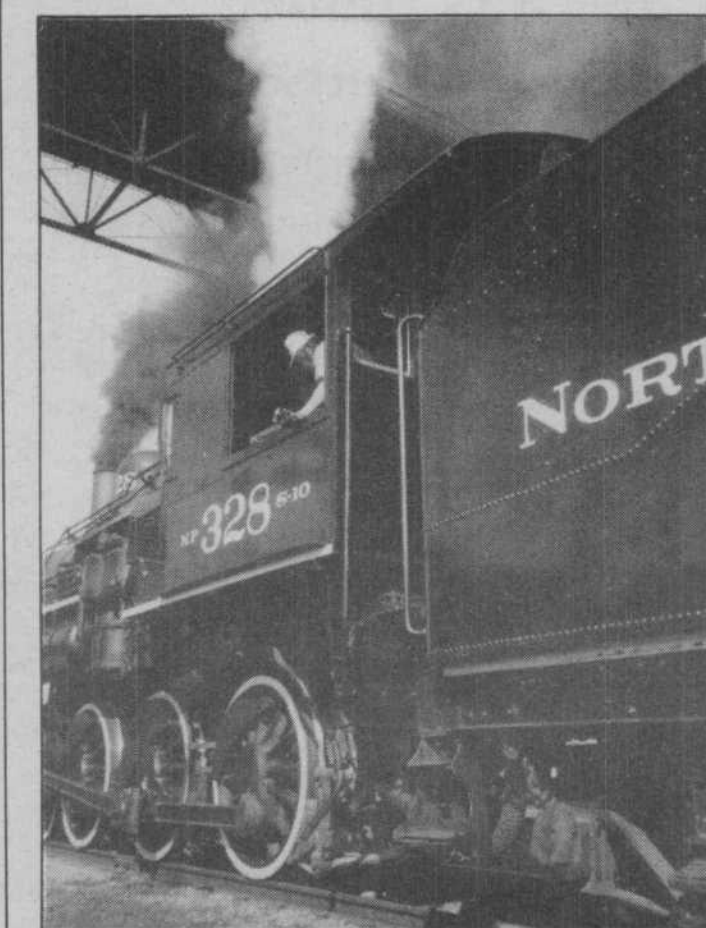
According to Rod Olsen, Employee Relations Director for Beverly Enterprises' Northern Division, the company has met the terms of the contract. He said that a provision of the contract, Rule 49, ties wage increases to the amount of money the home receives from the state.

"If you don't get the money from the state, you don't have to honor (the wage increase part of) the contract," he said.

According to Olsen, the contract called for a 10 percent wage increase at the same time that state cutbacks in funding resulted in only 5.6 percent increase in Department of Public Welfare funds.

On the national level, Beverly Enterprises, the largest owner of nursing homes in the nation, has been targeted by the AFL-CIO for a union support and organizing campaign.

Stone, who has worked for Commonwealth for 6 years, says she has seen no changes in quality patient care at Commonwealth, in spite of the dispute. Stone said



A STEAM ENGINE FOR A STEAM PIPELINE—A recent tour of the pipeline being built to bring steam heat to Champion paper company was conducted by train, which was pulled by Engine #328. See story, page 7. Photo by Jim Brogan.

Church approves housing

by Pam Field

Members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church have overwhelmingly approved the construction of housing for senior citizens on church-owned property on Luther Place. Approximately 90 percent of the voting

members favored the proposal, according to Glen Skovholt, housing committee chairman.

According to Skovholt, the approval will give the architects, Val Michelson and Associates, the go-ahead to investigate concerns expressed by homeowners and neighbors in the area.

At a public meeting last month, homeowners expressed concern about parking, the proximity of the property to Grantham Street, and the use of service vehicles in the area. These and other concerns were discussed at a public meeting June 25, according to Skovholt.

The church also authorized the formation of a nonprofit development corporation to handle the building project. Skovholt said the corporation will consist of church cabinet members and will be managed by the present housing committee.

The church cabinet has authorized selling the church property to the nonprofit organization and also approved up to \$50,000 for predevelopment costs, said Skovholt.

McGough Construction, St. Paul, is the contractor chosen for the project.

that it took a special type of person to give the support and encouragement to patients that Commonwealth healthcare workers give and that though morale might be low over the wage issue, the quality of care would not decline.

"We are going to do good things there regardless of whether we get a raise or not," she said.

Spokesmen on both sides of the issue were reluctant to discuss the possibility of a strike occurring at Commonwealth.

A related issue of whether the four Beverly-owned nursing homes in the Twin Cities area will have one contract with Local 789 or whether each will have an individual contract is currently being decided in Ramsey County District Court.

Transitway funded between campuses

An \$8.5 million transit corridor between the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses of the University of Minnesota is targeted for completion as part of \$580 million in road projects in Minnesota in the next two years. The transitway has been on and off the drawing boards a number of times in past years.

State Transportation Commissioner Richard Braun included the transitway in a number of projects planned for completion with monies raised by increases in the gasoline tax. The 1983 Minnesota legislation raised the state gasoline tax by 3 cents and the federal government doubled the federal tax from 4 to 8 cents per gallon.

The transitway is planned as a limited access busway from the West Bank in Minneapolis along University Avenue, the railroad tracks, Kasota Avenue, and north in the vicinity of Stella Avenue to the fairgrounds parking lot near the St. Paul campus. The transitway would be accessible to emergency vehicles as well as buses.

Two local projects receive CIB funds

Two hits and one near miss were scored by District 12 projects in the recommendation for funding of capital projects in 1984-85 by the St. Paul Capital Improvements Budget (CIB) Committee. The committee is charged with assimilating the priority lists of three task forces into one citywide list.

The CIB Committee's list goes to the Mayor for review. He, in turn, makes recommendations to the City Council, which has the final vote on the projects to be funded.

The **Raymond Avenue bridge** and redesign of the **Raymond-Hampden intersection** were recommended for funding. The planning work for the bridge would be in 1984, with actual construction to start in 1985. Work on the intersection would be done in 1985.

Langford Park was the near miss in the CIB Committee recommendations. It was the 20th on the list and the money ran out after the 19th project. There is still the opportunity for the project to be moved higher on the priority list by either the Mayor or City Council.

Public hearings on the CIB funding priorities will be held by City Council in early fall. Call the District 12 Office if you want to be informed of the exact date.



Dark line shows route of proposed University transitway.

South St. Anthony Group to study weed control

A group of south St. Anthony Park residents have formed a task force on ecological weed control to look at various ways to control dandelions in Hampden Park. They will have a neighborhood meeting on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the District 12 Office to present their findings to residents and ask for a decision on the way the neighbors prefer to control the weeds.

The task force formed as a result of efforts by some south St. Anthony residents to band together and pay for having Hampden Park sprayed for dandelions, while other residents were concerned about possible long-range effects of the spray. After a June 28 meeting on the problem, residents decided to form the task force to look at alternative methods.

The task force will be meeting during July and August. Residents of south St. Anthony who would be interested in participating should call Billy Kidd, 647-9729. "We want to have people participate who are on both sides of the discussion," Kidd said. "Then we will have a more balanced report."

Prepare for winter

Energy auditors Tom Lockhart and Earl Bergerud have caught up the backlog of audits and are available immediately to provide a \$10 NSP audit. You will be contacted within two working days after the audit request arrives in the District 12 office.

Call now to get the information to save money on your energy bills this winter.

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Permit parking plan to become law soon

District 12 residents now holding parking permits will receive information from the city in mid-August explaining the renewal process. The old permits will expire Sept. 1 but there will be a 10-day grace period to allow purchase of new permits or renewal of the old ones.

The permit parking ordinance for St. Anthony Park's pilot area will become law in mid-August. Permits will then expire annually on September 1. Permits must be printed and will not be available for sale before mid-August. Details of time and place for sale of new permits will be given in the September *Bugle* that is published on August 30.

Visitor cards and resident permit stickers will cost \$10 each. Applicants for stickers must show proof of residence in the area and proof of vehicle ownership. Each sticker will be numbered and will be registered by the car make and model named in the application. Applicants for visitors' permits must show proof of residence.

City Council is now considering an enabling ordinance that will allow other areas to petition to have permit parking in their neighborhoods. District 12 Council members and the community organizer have repeatedly testified in favor of such legislation before City Council.

Thanks to volunteers, flower beds thriving

Beautiful flower beds are blooming on two pieces of public property in District 12 this summer, thanks to concerned groups of residents who planned, purchased plants and planted the beds.

Sidney Triangle, at the intersection of Raymond and Bayless avenues, has two beds with a red, white and blue theme. They were planned by Mary Bacon, Phyllis Carlson, Delores Krinke and Adele Fadden. Tyson Conner and John Hessinger also helped with the planting and weeding.

Businesses in south St. Anthony Park contributed money to pay for the plants, equipment and water. Those cooperating in the project include SAP Foods, Minnesota Chemical, Update, Inc., Schletty-McCann Co. and International Order of Oddfellows. Dan Braun is cooperating by making the water faucet on his property available to the group.

The flower beds on the Water Department Pumping Station property at Raymond and Cleveland avenues are a family affair this year. Bernice Flowers Strane and her two daughters have planted and cared for the beds and have involved their husbands and children as well.

Roses have been planted in two beds with borders of begonias and dusty miller. Bernice and Jack Strane, Star Strane and Jim Beardsley, and Joy and Dwayne Albrecht are the people to be thanked for this work.

Both groups would appreciate additional help in caring for the beds since weeds continue to grow as well as the flowers. Anyone willing to donate some time to either project should call the District 12 office.

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Snakes charm Lauderdale boy

by Jon Madsen

Matt Cutler, Lauderdale, knows a lot about snakes—so much, in fact, that he has spent part of his summer at the Science Museum of Minnesota, assisting the teacher in a class called "Hands-on Reptiles."

The 14-year-old Cutler helped teach children about reptiles and amphibians—their habits, how to care for them, and the differences between them. He also tried to dispel some of the myths surrounding snakes.

At home, Cutler has a three-foot, one-year-old python named Evenstar. Cutler first became interested in snakes when his father bought two and brought them home. One was completely wild, the other was a tame, long-nosed snake.

Cutler started to care for them. "After a while my father gave the snakes to me," said Cutler. "As I got older I caught garter snakes and read up on snakes in books."

This led Cutler to take the Hands On Reptiles class. He liked the class and the snakes so much that he volunteered to help at the museum, where he has taken on the job of feeding the two boas owned by the museum, a once-a-month event.

"Snakes have a limited intellect," Cutler said, "but they can learn." They can be taught not to bite, for example, by handling them a lot.

"A snake's instinct is to attack when it is picked up or moved," Cutler explained.



Matt Cutler shows snake to visitors at the Science Museum. The boa constrictor around his neck is Medusa; the one behind him in the display case is Squeeze. Photo by Job Madsen.

"My python Evenstar will try to bite me when I pick him up. He will feint and strike with a closed mouth."

But, Cutler reassured, "After that he calms down and is easier to handle."

Unlike a dog that will bark when frightened, a frightened snake won't hiss, but instead will tighten up, Cutler said. "He will draw back from normal searching, and move his head to another sector."

One day in class Cutler was showing a snake to a group of children. "I could feel her muscles tightening up," he said. "When I turned around, I saw a boy with a closed fist. I asked

what he was doing, and he replied that he was hitting the snake on its back."

Not fair, Cutler explained to the class. "Animals and snakes can feel like people and you shouldn't hit them."

Cutler's favorite snakes are pythons. "I find the green python incredibly attractive. It has an iridescent green color and very long teeth; this snake lives in the tree tops and eats birds. They are expensive and have unpleasant tempers," said Cutler.

After some indecision Cutler said that his least favorite snake "will be the first poisonous snake I meet in the wild."

Three retired teachers to be missed

by Ann Bulger

Three long-time faculty members will be missing from local schools in September, after retiring at the close of the '82-'83 year.

Ed Datko, who taught English at Murray for 35 years, was the teacher with the longest record there. When Datko came to Murray in 1947, it was a six-year junior-senior high school. When the upper grades were moved to Como Park in 1979, he chose to stay at the junior high.

Datko was instrumental in starting the annual Murray Environmental-Multi Cultural Retreat at the Environmental Learning Center at Isabella, Minnesota, and has been co-leader of the retreat all four years of its existence. Although small in stature,

he has played a big role in the changes that have taken place Murray Magnet Junior High.

At the other end of the scale, literally, is Bob Ritter, retiring biology teacher at Como Park Senior High. "Prof" Ritter is a large man with a voice to match—the volume is turned to high.

He first came to Murray Junior-Senior High in 1949 and made the move to Como thirty years later. He coached B-squad football for the Murray Pilots for 15 years, was assistant A-squad coach for six years, then head coach for 11 years.

He directed a city championship team in 1971 and split the title three ways in 1972. As varsity baseball coach for Murray for 27 years, Ritter had three city cham-

pionship teams—in 1949, 1957 and 1969.

Many St. Anthony Park children remember "Prof" Ritter as their swimming teacher in summer classes at Murray pool.

Henry Welsch, Como athletic director, is retiring after being in education since 1947. He taught at New Ulm, Minnesota, before coming to St. Paul to teach at Mechanic Arts, Washington, and then Como Park. A teacher of physical education, world history and American history, Welsch also coached baseball, basketball, and golf during his career.

Two other local educators are going on leaves of absence: Earl Geisenhoff, who teaches German and senior English at Como, and Joe Nathan, former assistant principal at Murray.

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CONSUMER NEWS FROM ST. ANTHONY PARK BANK

banking continues to change

A recent decision by Federal bank regulators means that interest-rate ceilings will be lifted on bank time deposits of over 31 days, effective October 1st. However, commercial banks must retain their current ceiling of 5 1/4% on statement savings and NOW accounts. The change gives us an even greater opportunity to offer you a choice of return on your banking investments. Talk to us about investing. Now, more than ever before, we can help.

withholding tax update

According to a letter sent by Senator Durenberger early July, "There will be no withholding of taxes on your interest and dividend income!" The letter goes on to state that a conference committee is deciding the fate of the measure but implementation has been delayed from July 1st to August 1st. And he states his certainty that agreement will be reached to stop interest and dividend withholding for good. Other banking and governmental sources report like conclusions. We'll attempt to keep you informed on an official close to the withholding issue in upcoming columns.

a St. Anthony Park thank you

They started way back in January — our own Brad Rinsem plus ten other Park supporters who comprised the committee for this year's highly successful Fourth of July Celebration. A public thank you to the committee and everyone else that supported this worthwhile neighborhood event.

never-ending lending

If you need a loan for any worthwhile purpose, stop in and talk to one of our loan officers. Recent changes in banking regulations allow us to arrange traditional as well as some non-traditional loans for our customers. And summer is the right time to take care of those energy saving projects around the house. Remember, you can earn Federal Income Tax Credits by adding certain storm windows, doors, insulation and other energy savers to your home. Whatever your borrowing needs, give us a call. When it comes to lending money, we can help.

rare, medium or well done?

The St. Anthony Park August Steak Fry will be held on August 9th at 6PM at Langford Park. Enjoy steak grilled just the way you like it plus all the trimmings; please bring your own plates and silverware. Entertainment by the St. Anthony Park Community Band. For details, call Brad Rinsem, committee chairman, here at the bank. For reservations, call Mary Ann Williams at 646-6291. Our thanks to area businesses who provided food at cost for this event.

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Editorial

Cable decision foiled again

St. Paul residents have waited patiently a long time for a cable system and now we will have to wait longer.

Individuals and groups excited by the possibilities offered by cable community access have been actively staking out a role for themselves in the future system. In St. Anthony Park, the *Bugle* has been working with District 12 Community Council to assemble a fall citizens' forum that would examine cable's future and the neighborhood's place in it.

The City Council's ill-advised endorsement of Nor-West Cable has replaced that anticipation with confusion. The selection of Nor-West, a consortium of local businessmen whose proposed system was rated lowest of the three bidders in most areas by an independent consultant, has left the Council open to charges of playing politics with cable and conflicts of interest.

Mayor Latimer and the three councilmen who voted against Nor-West, among them 4th ward councilman Bob Fletcher, are to be commended for their refusal to accept an inferior proposal. However, Latimer's veto of the award means more delay and more opportunity for the City Council to bog down in political wrangling. Even if the Council agrees on one of the other contenders, Continental Cablevision or Group W, Nor-West has threatened to go to court to fight Latimer's veto, so it may be months before the issue is resolved.

This situation leaves all of us who have been excited by the bright promise of cable . . . "disconnected." We need more communication and less politics from the City Council so that promise can be realized.

In the meantime, let's keep discussing and planning our place in a cable system so we take full advantage of the opportunities for enhanced neighborhood communication that cable can offer.

Terri Ezekiel

Review

Book tells how things are at Murray

by Dennis Ormseth

Joe Nathan's "Free to Teach" is a book that parents who are or have been connected with Murray Magnet Junior High School will find fascinating and helpful reading.

There is, of course, the excitement of being part of the "data" that is likely to be cited in the growing national debate on education, thanks to the press attention that the book and its author are deservedly getting. But there is also the parochial recognition that an author has here reported on "our place" with responsible clarity and compassion.

The book provides us with the depth of knowledge available to a school's "insider," and frames this knowledge in the context of wide reading in the best current literature on American education. The result is a more profound understanding of our situation as parents of students in the St. Paul school system and what we should be doing about it.

It seems to me on the basis of my experience with Murray over the past two years as a parent, and more especially as the president of the Murray PTSA this past year, that Nathan tells how things are with our school and the system of which it is a part.

Murray is the good "traditional" public school Nathan describes, in which a measure of effective teaching takes place and where parental expectations are usually met at a reasonable adequate level.

More significantly, the book makes clear the relentlessness of the struggle on the part of teachers, parents and administrators over the past five years or so, which accounts for the school being as good as it is. This struggle continues.

It is occasioned by the fact that the school is embedded in an educational system which continually frustrates the hopes and plans of its friends to make it a really good school. Every gain—whether that of a better teacher, an innovative idea for the curriculum, a more responsive relationship between students and teachers or parents and teachers—is regularly challenged by the dynamics inherent in the system.

Pressures for standardization, institutional complexity and overload, the lack of strong incentive for responsiveness and achieve-

ment, and the inflexibility of contractual arrangements for the hiring, assignment and pay of teachers—all amply illustrated from Murray and St. Paul Open School experiences—combine to block the initiative of responsible administrators, supportive parents and gifted teachers.

The best wisdom of the book, it seems to me, is that Nathan exposes how basic conflicts of competing interests, each valid and good in itself, close off the possibility of making changes that educators have for some time acknowledged as promising and helpful. Neither ill will nor ignorance, nor even lack of vision on the part of any particular group, is to blame for the schools' difficulties.

Our problems derive from fundamental contradictions between the ways we respond to the demands for equity within the system—equity for teachers and administrators, as well as for students from different economic and social backgrounds—and the rising demand for excellence in the product of the system.

Nathan's basic solution is straightforward and one that many people in the park will find it difficult to object to. Through adoption of a voucher system, Nathan would break through the blocks in the system and restore its responsiveness. Parents would have the choice to send their students to schools, public or private, which best met their expectations. Since this is, as a matter of practice, the situation which Park parents have created for themselves, by dint of their affluence, willingness to sacrifice to meet tuition payments, and our occasional success at working the public system in our favor, Nathan's plan would in a sense only regularize and universalize our status quo, and for some, make it less expensive.

It might even make the struggle for excellence at Murray less frustrating. In that case, we wish his ideas well.

(Dennis Ormseth is active in Citizens for Excellence in Education and the Murray Community Involvement Committee. He is past president of the Murray Magnet Junior High School PTSA.)

Bugle dates

Aug. 2, staff meeting, 2380 Hampden, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 3, Park Press Board of Directors, Healy Building, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 18, ad deadline.
Aug. 22, news and want ad deadline.
Aug. 31, September Bugle published.

Commentary

Cable television in St. Paul: Fable, cabal or only babble?

by Mike Hazard

The cable trail started innocently enough for me about 3 years ago. St. Paul was firing up to conduct another cable franchising process, Minneapolis was already mired in its weird wire war.

Several friends at the Minnesota Cable Communications Board and devotees of the Minneapolis and St. Paul community organizing network suggested I ought to create a committee to provoke public interest in St. Paul.

A year and a half later, I found myself at the podium in City Council Chambers in effect telling the councilors that no matter which company they picked, the community's interest in cable was jeopardized by the fatal flaw in all 7 proposals—in no case was there a clear commitment by any bidder to allow "free" (i.e. independent) access corporation that

could guarantee public or private access to the new system.

By now I feel like a scratchy old 45 on this subject. But I believe this is a basic human right and a structural design that is critical for guaranteeing anyone's right to use the new medium. The reason is simple—regardless of which outfit gets the nod to create the system, only one is going to be in charge. By any rules, this means a monopoly.

As with the phone system, it's the technology that necessitates this artificial limit—the wonders of cable (the cable fable) can only be instituted if there is a single system in any particular area. The computers, the wires and all the associated paraphernalia of cable are so expensive that the system makes economic sense only if there's no competition. Thus we have the cable wars

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HEADWINDS

by James Wesley Brogan

General Noelectric

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One of my many disadvantages is having grown up after the Second World War is that I can't beat my kids over the head with how tough it was for me as a child. The sad truth is, I had it easy. My parents never quit telling me about the '30s, when corn went down to 10¢ a bushel or whatever it was, and how the weather in 1936 was both colder and hotter than any other year in the history of western civilization.

As I realize now, a parent needs material like that to keep his children properly respectful.

It wouldn't be so bad if it were only my parents who benefitted in this way from hard times, but now my kids are having them, too. Where does that leave me? I never got the depression and natural disasters I needed until now, when it's too late. My kids are already living. They're here. They'll get more use out of them than I will.

The tornado we experienced a couple of years ago is only one example of a Big Event I am obliged to share with them. Another will be the Great Black-out of '83. My kids were right here in the thick of it, so there is

no way I can turn it against them and make them feel lucky they never had to endure such a hardship.

In fact, I suspect the process of embellishment and enhancement has already begun. Somewhere in their clever little minds, they are preparing for the day twenty or thirty years from now when they, like my parents, can use these events to put their own kids forever in the shade.

Just now, it may not seem as impressive as a dust storm, let's say, but you know how the years tend to add emphasis to the tale. I am trying to imagine how it will sound in the year 2010. Will my grandchildren be awe-stricken to learn that on July 19, 1983, a thunderstorm swept through the Twin Cities and knocked out our electricity for almost 24 hours?

What will Jacob do to make it sufficiently dramatic? Tell them that his popsicles went soft, forcing him to drink three of them for lunch on Wednesday? That for one whole afternoon and most of the next day he was completely cut off from Bert and Ernie and the entire world of Sesame Street?

That his parents couldn't watch the weather report on TV, and had to resort to a battery-operated radio to discover that it was raining outside? That our fans didn't work and that we couldn't tell what time it was without referring to an antique wristwatch?

Even as I think about it, the disaster grows worse, especially when I consider the mileage Jacob

will be sure to get out of it. The NSP number was busy every time we called to yell at them. For the first time in over a year we had to clean out the refrigerator and open those little jars of mystery material with our bare hands. (Were these prunes, do you think? or black olives?)

By noon the next day our milk was almost too warm to drink, and our closest source of fresh food was all the way across the street at the supermarket.

There is no doubt in my mind, it's exactly the kind of catastrophe a parent needs, and already I'm envious. I wish I'd had it all to myself.

Notes

A French summer camp for children ages 6-12 will be held Aug. 1-12 in Baker Court, meeting daily from 10 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$70 for members and \$75 for non-members. To register call the Alliance Francaise Center, 644-5769, or Marian Raup, 644-7491.

Although students in St. Paul don't return to classes until Sept. 6, school principals will end their summer vacations soon. Principals will report to their buildings on Aug. 15, to begin work on class schedules, bus routes and enrollment lists.

St. Paul teachers begin their school year on Aug. 29, with a week of workshops before classes start.

Rats in St. Anthony Park? Never!

by Susan Barker

I thought I was hallucinating. I was enjoying the afternoon sun in our overgrown summer thicket when, suddenly, I heard a funny rustling straight ahead of me in the rock garden flush against the side of our house.

Thrust! Thrust! Fallen leaves along the back of the bed rose up vigorously. Push! Push! Something was working hard to emerge from below the impatiens plants.

Nature is to be observed and admired, I calmly reasoned. I moved closer to the garden and saw a long, skinny, tail protruding from a crevice in the rocks.

This cannot be, I thought running to the front yard for the hose only to return a few seconds later to spot a long, furry body streaking around the corner of the house. I took aim with a hard stream of water but managed

only to flatten a bed of ferns.

"It was a mouse," I told myself, then remembered the dead rat we'd found along the back of our yard in early spring.

"It was a mouse," I said again thinking of the virtues of a BB gun and remembering the funny scratching we'd heard along the same side of the house last fall.

I reported our industrious gardener to a neighbor. "Rats in St. Anthony Park?" She was incredulous. "Never," said a neighborhood old-timer. The case, it seemed, was closed.

That sleepless night, I pictured a million insatiable jaws chewing their way toward our bedroom. In the morning, I scoured the St. Anthony Park handbook/directory for the city rat-control number—which wasn't listed since we have no rats.

Sporting a jaunty cap and cardigan, the city's sole rat-control man arrived in his green truck the next afternoon ready for battle.

"Ideal conditions," he exclaimed spotting the rock garden. "They just love these walls," he said lifting a rock slab and exposing the gaping hole to a tunnel.

When asked why we, of all residents in St. Anthony Park, had been singled out for this visitation, he took delight in my little joke.

"They are everywhere," he said thrilled at the challenge of his job. "Sewers. Rock walls. Under houses. Along railroad tracks. Along the river. Everywhere," he emphasized.

"Any dogs or cats around here?" he asked taking a reading of the turf. "Rats love those droppings."

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Do you remember?

by Arthur Hilland

The Overland Building at University and Eustis avenues where soldiers were billeted prior to being shipped overseas during World War I. Many of the kids were given a thrill when they were pulled into the marching drills by friendly soldiers marching up Eustis Avenue. One day a group of kids found hundreds of tickets in a large incinerator at the rear of the canteen, which was located between Cromwell and Eustis, facing University Avenue and later occupied by Deluxe Check Printing Company. The tickets provided many of us with free ice cream and other assorted goodies—until they caught up with us.

How after school we gathered along the platform of the Overland Building during the Auto Show week, calling out a familiar "Gotta extra pass mister?"

When in 1923, Boy Scout Troop #23, Baker School, under the scoutmastership of Mr. A.W. Ingli (now deceased) were snowed-in at an overnight camp at Lake Minnetonka during one of the great blizzards. The overnight turned into a four-night stay. The parents were a worried lot, calling the newspapers, snow crews etc., trying to gain contact. Some of the Scouts present were: Tom Bamberry, Ambrose Lund, Howard Munson, Ivar Gustafson, Roy Heisler and Art Helland. Do you remember any additional names? Let Harold Nymon know. His phone number is 644-1280.

When Raymond Avenue was paved with the old-style tarred paving blocks, between University Avenue and the Raymond Avenue bridge, and what a thrill it was to be able for the first time to ride our bicycles on a smooth surface.

When five or six Civil War veterans spoke and sang in the auditorium in Baker School, back when the time many of us were in the fourth or fifth grades (1918-20)? I can still remember a part of one of their renditions—with these words: "Who will tell the story, when the Boys In Blue are gone?"

When the graduating class of 1924 for the first time graduated from knickers to long pants. The day of maturity arrived—at least we thought so.

When Mr. Taylor, who lived near St. Cecelia School, furnished the Baker school baseball team with uniforms at his own expense. We strutted out like the Yankees—but there, the comparison ended.

The Hunt House on Territorial Road, between Hunt Place and Cromwell Avenue, one of the oldest homes in the city. The Indians and traders once traveled this road, then known as a trail. What a pity our city fathers permitted this historical home to be razed. Today, if the house were still standing, it would surely be on the National Register of Historic Places, without question.



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Regents approve housing plan

by Pam Field

The University of Minnesota Retirees' Housing Corporation, which recently received approval from the Board of Regents to build housing for senior citizens on University-owned land in University Grove, has decided July 18 that the project will be condominiums, rather than a cooperative.

The approval of the Board of Regents was a big step toward actual completion of a housing project according to Gertrude Esteros, Falcon Heights, president of the Retirees' Housing Corporation.

The housing will occupy approximately one acre in the vicinity of Coffman and Larpenteur avenues. Main entrance to the project will be off Larpenteur.


Esteros said the retirees' group will now enter into negotiations with the University for lease of the land and is in the process of retaining an attorney.

No developer or architect has been chosen yet, said Esteros.

Esteros said public neighborhood meetings will be held early this fall.

Old-Timers' picnic

Residents of South St. Anthony Park who are 55 years old or older and who have lived in the neighborhood for 20 years or more are invited to the Old-Timers' Picnic planned for August 16. The picnic will be held at the Como Park Pavillion beginning at noon.



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The engine pulled a tender and two open coach cars along a 5 1/2-mile stretch of the Milwaukee Road, where work is currently going forward on a huge, underground steam pipeline.

The pipeline is a \$40 million project undertaken by Norelco Corporation, a subsidiary of NSP, Champion International, and the Milwaukee Railroad, intended to make more effective use of the energy generated at the High Bridge power plant.

Scheduled for completion in late November, the insulated 18-inch pipe will carry steam at up to 790 degrees Fahrenheit and approximately 850 pounds per-square-inch of pressure to be used by Champion in its paper-making process. Currently, Champion produces its own steam on-site using natural gas and oil as boiler fuel.

Frost and the Fair: a 62-year connection

St. Anthony Park resident Gale Frost has a 62-year association with the Minnesota State Fair. It seems only fitting that he is now curator of the State Fair History Museum, one of the most popular free attractions on the 300-acre State Fairgrounds.

Frost's introduction to the State Fair came in 1921 when, as an 8-year-old, he took a job as a lemonade mixer in his father's Grandstand refreshments stand. His father, Harry Frost, operated Grandstand concessions from 1909, the year the facility was built, until 1924, when he was named superintendent of the fair's space rental department.

Gale Frost inherited his father's fascination with the State Fair and as a young man he worked in a number of capacities at the exposition, including those of office boy, switchboard operator and grounds crewman.

In 1959, Frost opened the first State Fair history museum as a private concession. This early, scaled-down version of today's museum displayed the history of the exposition along with items from various circuses and carnivals. The exhibit remained a part of the fair through 1963. For the next 13 years, Frost's association with the fair was limited to that of spectator.

The current State Fair History Museum, operated as a free attraction by the exposition, opened in 1976. Frost played a significant role in the development of the now sprawling museum complex and said he thoroughly enjoys his position as curator.

The State Fair History Museum will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily throughout the '83 State Fair, Aug. 25 through Labor Day, Sept. 5.

(Above) Seven-foot deep trench and section of pipeline alongside the Short Line Railway between Grand and Summit avenues. Note 12-inch wrap of insulation.

Story and photos by Jim Brogan.



(Right) Engine crew for steam train, after completing the first of two trips between NSP's High Bridge power plant and Champion paper company.



St. Anthony Park Association

August 1983



Rain or Shine, a Spectacular Fourth

Forecasts of rain and even an occasional sprinkle couldn't dampen the spirits of friends and neighbors celebrating the July 4 gala sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association. A special thanks from those of us who stored another year of memories, beginning with the Grand Parade and ending with the Rockin' Hollywoods, to everyone who gave countless hours to make it all happen.

St. Anthony Park Association Officers 1983-84: President, Mary Warpeha; 1st Vice President, Tom Frost; 2nd Vice President, Sue Barker; Secretary, Mavis Straughn; Treasurer, Dale Tennison; Director, Tim Wulling; Director, Gail Dennis; Director, Tom Rohricht.

Steak Fry, August 9

Join neighbors at the annual Family Steak Fry at Langford Park on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Remember to bring plates and eating utensils. SAP Community Band will provide entertainment.

"With all due respect to the old cooks, we'd love to see some new faces to help us with the steak fry," says Brad Rinsem, who is organizing this year's dinner. If you're interested in serving neighbors at this summer's annual feast, call Brad at 647-0416. He's looking for some enthusiastic picnickers to help him out.

Each member of the Association will be called for reservations in advance of the Steak Fry. If you will be out of town, or if you are not a member and are interested in joining neighbors at this event, call Mary Ann or Karen Williams (646-6291) before Fri., Aug. 5. Reservations can be cancelled until Sunday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m., otherwise members will be billed for their uncanceled reservations.

If you are not a member, August is a great time to become familiar with the SAP Association. Join with us at the Steak Fry and *Join Us!*

We Have a Spot for You

The SAPA '83-'84 Board has three positions open as we enter our active year:

- **Arrangements.** Assist with reservations for the monthly meetings. A great chance to say hello to fellow SAParkers.
- **Schools.** Act as a liaison with local schools. A nice adult twist to your education efforts.

- **Public Affairs.** Keep us informed of the pertinent topics in District 12. A good opportunity to be informed and active in local public affairs.

All three of these positions are an excellent way to turn your interests and abilities into fruitful neighborhood participation.

Please give these positions some consideration and call Mary Warpeha at 644-6990.

Recreation Center News

Registration for **Fall Sports** at Langford and South St. Anthony starts Aug. 1, 1:30-4:30 and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The recreation staff may not be able to guarantee a spot on a team after Aug. 22.

- **Soccer**, 8th grade and under. Co-Rec.
- **Flag Football**, 5th grade through 12th grade. Boys and girls separate.
- **Tackle Football**, 3rd through 8th grade.

See Recreation Staff for more details on registration.

The following events are scheduled at the north and south St. Anthony Park recreation centers during August:

- **Como Park Conservatory.** Enjoy a picnic lunch (bring your own) and tour the park. Aug. 5, 12-3:30 p.m. 50¢ per person for bus.
- **Coon Rapids Dam** Aug. 12, 12-3 p.m. 50¢ per person for bus.

The bus will leave for all field trips from St. Anthony Park Elementary School at noon. Please register in advance. *Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.*

Editor: Nancy Haley, 644-0811.



Gibbs Farm campers, helped by Sherrie Henry, learn how to make ice cream the old fashioned way. Photos by Bob Albertson.

Camp shows city kids farm life

by Pam Field

A farm camp where city kids experience what life may be like on a farm is "exposing some kids to new wide open spaces they're not used to," according to Scott Creeger, camp director.

The camp, which began June 13 and will end Aug. 19, is mainly sponsored by the Ramsey County Historical Society and 4-H Youth Development. One of its goals, according to Creeger, was "to get away from the stereotype of only farm kids involved in 4-H projects."

Creeger said young people at the camp are from all over the city, many from the inner city. Some are invited with organized clubs and others are signed up individually.

Although he said he did not like "thinking of the kids as disadvantaged," many of them are from lower economic backgrounds. He said, "Many just want to get out and run because they haven't been out of the city much."

The camp begins with a new

group of about 30 camps every Tuesday. For two days they learn chores, such as washing clothes with a scrubboard. The rest of the time they are learning crafts, gardening and feeding animals.

A unique feature of the camp is the involvement of high school students in teaching the younger campers. Area students aged 15-17 are employed by CETA for what is for many their first summer job.

Sherrie Henry, 17, a senior at Central High School, said she "panicked" the first day "when no kids showed up." She said she plans to someday work in social work, so the experience of "work-

ing with all kinds of kids, some of them tough, is valuable."

The camp, which is offered free of charge, is one of three youth projects operating at Gibbs this summer. Another is a farm work marketing project in which 10 St. Paul youth are also paid by CETA. They study gardening methods, plant and maintain gardens, and market produce.

The third project is an agricultural history project in which 10 Moundsview and Roseville students are enrolled in work experience for credit. Besides completing a farm history project they act as a resource to the farm camp.

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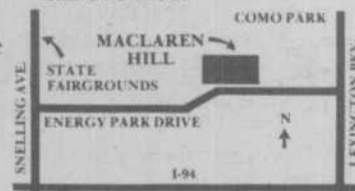
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CABLE

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coast to coast across America (Cable cabals.)

Anyway, today—another year and a half down the line—I feel a bit embarrassed by my own lack of resistance to the first decision of the City Council in favor of NorWest.

I could count two excuses:

1. Fear—A few unlucky friends in Minneapolis provided scary examples of carriers shortcircuited by their willingness to speak out against a cable company.
2. Professional impatience—As a videomaker, I can't tell you how eager I am to stop talking about cable and start using it to talk.

And I could justify my saying little by noting one good thing—the city has become so sophisticated about cable that the minimum requirements this time were very high. The one thing worth hanging by a wire for—the creation of a nonprofit access corporation—is pretty well set.

Still, my sober summary of the consultants' report showed the other two bids superior to the one picked at first. The three councilors who provoked Latimer into a veto—Fletcher, Scheibel and Wilson—deserve a good round of applause for their courage in apparently avoiding an unfortunate political end to this complex decision.

To me it was obvious that with a potential gridlock on the 4th ballot, Vic Tedesco, the old master of the art of the possible, looked the cable babel in the eye and said to himself, "I can end the pain," and almost did.

One further note along the lines of the cable cabal. It is quite likely new federal legislation will emerge which will make moot the whole shebang of the legality of these "contracts" cities have been making with cable companies.

Cynics point to the fact that these new laws have been held up until the biggest cities in America have picked their companies.

Finally cabals, bables and fables aside, with a little luck we will soon see the lawyers and lobbyists step aside and we can start using the cable to tell each other stories.

(Mike Hazard is media director of the Cats Pajamas and the Center for International Education. Two recent videos he worked on are "American Grizzly" and "Dairy Queens." He was Bugle editor in 1976-77.)



A Fourth of July flag. Photo by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey.

When I first think of peace, I think of its opposite: war. I think of a dark, smudgy scene where people are fighting and dying and trying to flee all at the same time. I also think of bombs blowing up innocent people's houses.

My second vision of peace is a calm, quiet, happy neighborhood. I see a smooth undisturbed lake in the middle of this neighborhood. I also see two people walking beside this lake as if they have all the time in the world to do anything they want.

Our whole world could be like this if everyone would work together. If all the countries were friends, then wars would probably be banished from our world forever. But being friends with other countries isn't the easiest thing to do. Many countries are trying to make it easier by having peace conferences and giving food, clothes and many other supplies to countries in need.

But how can we in St. Anthony Park help? There are many things we can do. Some individuals might want to learn a foreign language so that they can communicate and so they won't feel alienated from other foreigners. When you learn a foreign language, you feel like you're related to a foreigner instead of being a stranger.

Some people might want to meet a foreign family and learn from their culture. For example, if I got to know someone from Russia, and I did a lot of things with that person like sports and games, I'm sure I couldn't attack that friend's town. If many people got to know people from different countries, chances for peace would be much, much higher.

If people all worked very hard to make peace on earth, I'm sure we could start the beginning of a new world.

—Andy Karvonen
Grade 6

July 4th in the Park

Legion essay contest winners present their views of peace

"Peace" was the topic for 81 essayists from St. Anthony Park Elementary School who entered the annual essay contest sponsored by American Legion Post #34.

Marcelo Guevara, Andy Karvonen and Virakcheath Hing, who were awarded first, second and third place prizes, respectively, read their essays at the Fourth of July celebration in Langford Park.

Essayists receiving honorable mentions were Andrea Cecchi, Katherine Gaiser, Sonia Geraige, Paul Harding, Khemara Hing, Liz Krick, Kelly MacGregor, Susan McKinnell, Anne Molina and Cari Peterson.

Peace. It can take many different forms. For you, for a few people, or for millions of people. Sometimes it is very complicated and hard to understand. But other times it's as simple as you can imagine. For me it always brings several words to mind, but none of them seem to fit all the descriptions of peace.

Peace can mean an agreement between two or several leaders of two or several different countries. It can mean the end of a war, the prevention of one or just a treaty of friendliness. It usually affects millions of people, but not everyone may like it. And unfortunately, it usually does not last forever.

Peace can mean a settlement between two broken-up friends, or between two groups of people or even two communities. It can bring people together who fought over one item, or groups together who have fought for many years. It usually opens new doors to what people can do together, but not everyone may like it. And unfortunately, it usually does not last forever.

And peace can mean serenity, a quiet, beautiful setting that puts you in a very happy, relaxed mood. The setting is usually in the forest, surrounded by bright green trees and bushes, with a clear blue pond and a slight breeze. But some people think a peaceful setting may be much different, and some people don't believe in this kind of peace. And in most cases, it does not last forever.

Whenever I think of peace, I might think of one meaning, or two meanings, or all three meanings. And who knows, there are probably many more meanings. But one thing's for sure, we all need peace sooner or later in our lives.

—Marcelo Guevara
Grade 6

War is running out of your country. War is people shouting at me when I run. I ran all night and I came to this country. My mother and sisters and brothers came with me. Soldiers attacked us.

Now we have peace, and peace is in America. Peace is no sound of gun. Peace is eating supper and getting out of school. Peace is making new friends. Peace is playing games, and peace is playing with friends. Peace is reading a book.

—Virakcheath Hing
Grade 5

(Virakcheath came to this country two years ago from Cambodia. He knew no English and had never been in school before. This essay was dictated to another student.)

Games help campers learn languages

by Trina Linea Smith

The United States is one of few countries in which most citizens speak merely one language. These same citizens are somehow offended by the audacity of inhabitants of other countries who dare to speak only in their native tongue.

"I think the earlier children start (learning languages), the better," commented St. Anthony Park resident Arlene Mann, who owns a language school in Dinkytown.

It is easier for children to learn languages than adults, Mann said, and "You can do the fun learning things with children, too."

This has led Mann to develop a "summer language camp" for children ages 4-12. The one-week sessions offer activities and exposure to Spanish, French, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish and German.

During the second of three camps, held recently at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, I watched the children taking part in the final-day activities.

Anita Matos and Emily and Jennifer Sundseth were busily preparing ruffles for a pinata



Sheila Guzman (left) helps prepare refreshments for language camp party, while Heide Weitzman plays a language game. Photos by Martha Hotchkiss.

and talking about the vast amount of candy that would go inside.

Nearby, two groups of children played varied language quiz games, while another group made life-size cutouts of themselves, to identify body parts in their foreign language.

Giggling voices brought my attention to another room where eight girls had gathered to taste some German chocolate while the teacher told a story about the origin of the candy and asked the girls to respond in German.

The candy-filled pinata was finally completed. Younger children whispered excitedly as they



watched it being hung from the ceiling, while older ones developed strategic methods to obtain the most candy.

And how do the parents feel about all this? Falcon Heights resident Mary Weitzman, mother of 11-year-old Joel and younger sister Heide was pleased.

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News notes about our neighbors

Golfer **Linda Smith**, St. Anthony Park, took first place in 4th flight (division) competition at the Minnesota Women's State Match Play Tournament, July 11-15.

After shooting the lowest qualifying score in her flight, Smith had a bye and then won three matches, with scores of one up after 20 holes, 6-and-5, 3-and-1.

Smith, who has been playing golf seriously for four years, plans to enter the state women's stroke play tournament to be held at Midland Hills Aug. 9-12.

Frank H. Kaufert recently received a Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Wood Science and Technology at its annual meeting in Norfolk, Virginia.

The award was made in recognition of Kaufert's service to the profession of wood science and technology. Kaufert, a St. Anthony Park resident, is dean emeritus of the College of Forestry, University of Minnesota, and has worked more than 50 years in the fields of forestry and forest products.

Gertrude Gordanier recently received a Certificate of Appreciation at the annual meeting of the American Lung Association of Minnesota. Working alone, Gordanier stuffed 90,000 Christmas seal envelopes last fall, more than any group of volunteers.

A 320-page book detailing the history of the Minnesota Future Farmers of America, written by **Waino J. "Kort" Kortsmaki**, long-time St. Anthony Park resident now living in Edina, has just been published.

Kortsmaki was executive secretary of the state FFA and has been associated with the organization since 1929, when he was a member of the first chapter in the state at Esko, Minnesota.

"Minnesota FFA from the Beginning," is available from the Minnesota FFA Foundation, Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101, at \$7.95

plus \$1 shipping and handling.

Several St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights residents were among 56 University of Minnesota faculty members and 124 staff people honored at a retirement ceremony at the University. Area residents honored were:

Theda Hagenah, professor and director, Student Counseling Bureau; **William L. Hartwick**, associate professor of periodontics, school of dentistry; **Nina J. Jorgensen**, who worked in the Plant Pathology Library; **Frank A. Raley**, professor of mechanical engineering, Institute of Technology.

Also honored were:

Louis Safer, professor of arts, communications, and philosophy, General College; **Jay H. Sautter**, professor of veterinary pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine; **Rudolph E. Schummer**, photographic laboratories; and **Ruth C. Wirt**, St. Paul Dining Center.

Marjorie K. Jamieson, St. Anthony Park, was recognized by Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society of Nursing, at the Excellence Award Ceremony for her superior work in creating an environment for professional nursing practice and implementing a creative project to decrease health care costs.

While Director of Nursing Services at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center, Jamieson restructured the nursing delivery system, reducing the nursing turnover rate from 119% to 4%. As project director for the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, she has implemented a program which allows the elderly to remain in their homes and decreases health care costs.

Jonathan Hausman, son of Robert and Alice Hausman, St. Anthony Park, participated in the sixth annual Minnesota Youth Leadership Seminar in June at Macalester College.

Over 150 high school sophomores, each selected by their high school principals, attended the two-and-a-half day workshop on the American incentive system.

sponsored by the Saint Paul Jaycees. Hausman is a student at Como Park Senior High School.

Two St. Anthony Park young people have been pursuing theater activities this summer.

Liz Flinn has been appearing in the Chimera Theater's production of "Robin Hood," which runs through July 29. Flinn will be a 9th grader at Central High School next year.

Emily Renfro has a part this summer in a play produced by the Twin Cities for Talented Youth. The play is being performed at Twin Cities festivals and will be performed at the State Fair. Renfro will be a 9th grader at Central next year.

Three St. Anthony Park high school students recently toured England and Wales with Bel Canto Voices, a singing group of young women from the Twin Cities area.

Sarah Leitzke, **Cindy Pierce**, and **Kristi Stegmeier** were among 43 members of the choral group who performed in churches and cathedrals, including Westminster Abbey.

Have you or someone you know been recognized for an accomplishment, won a contest, set a record, been appointed to an important post, or made a good showing in a big race?

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Langford Park broken into

by Martha Hotchkiss

The Langford Park Recreation Center was broken into over the weekend of June 24 and 25.

The burglars hacksawed the latch off the west door, entered the custodial room, which leads to an upstairs storeroom, and took approximately \$535 worth of athletic equipment, soda pop and lawn care supplies. A box of uniforms was also stolen, but turned up a few days later on the doorstep.

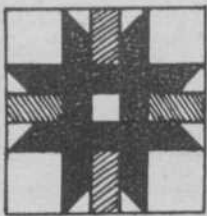
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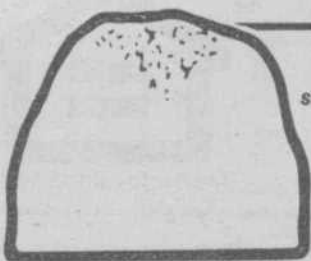
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Magnet schools increase choices but split students

by Ann Bulger

What impact have magnet schools had on the education of St. Anthony Park young people?

(A magnet school is one which is allowed to pull students from across the city, as opposed to a neighborhood school which draws from only a given attendance area.)

In St. Paul, the elementary magnet school is Webster, located at Holly and Grotto. Begun as a means of desegregating a high minority population at the school, the program at Webster was given a large budget and a low student-teacher ratio in hopes of attracting white students from throughout the city. Foreign languages and science were stressed.

It worked—about 900 students attend Webster, including many from St. Anthony Park.

The majority of neighborhood children still attend St. Anthony Park Elementary, however. St. Anthony Park is not a magnet school, but its attendance area includes part of the old McKinley school area.

Murray Junior High School received magnet designation in 1979, a month after the senior high moved to Como Park. The added numbers in the student body have helped to keep the school open, with less than half of the students being residents of the immediate attendance area.

Murray now has a more inte-

grated population, with 29% minorities. The close, homogeneous neighborhood school has been exchanged for one with city-wide friendships of all races and socio-economic levels.

Murray is allowed two extra teachers because of its magnet status. A high percentage of students take a foreign language, and the school has a reputation of housing a "good learning climate." By junior-high age, some of the local children have been filtered off to private schools, but most of them attend Murray, where their acquaintanceships broaden from a class of 75 to 300. The local identity begins to fade.

Murray will have new competition from Ramsey Junior High School, which will begin a program for gifted and talented youth. Children from Webster, Open School, NOVA, and Create are eligible.

The budget at Ramsey will more than triple the magnet budget at

Murray. Advanced classes in math and science will include senior high subjects. A seven-period day will be allowed, giving room for more electives. (Seven periods have long been on the wish list for Murray parents.)

While Ramsey is not technically a magnet, it will draw some of the young people who would have selected Murray. The only St. Anthony Park children who may attend Ramsey are those in the above programs.

St. Paul's senior high magnet program opened at Central High School three years ago. It has some offerings, particularly in theatre arts, not available at other schools, but with the standardized curriculum, there will be fewer this fall.


In the last two years, Central has been a popular choice for many St. Anthony Park teens, while others have selected the transplanted neighborhood school, Como Park. In 1979 and 1980, most of the Murray "graduates"

automatically went to Como, where they knew the teachers who had been at Murray. The Murray classes of 1981 and 1982 do not have that continuity, and they have been more conditioned to the magnet school concept.

Why do students select a school? The reason can be as simple as the smile over the phone from the office receptionist, as trite as

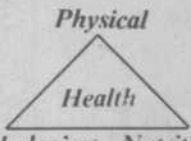
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County budget twice as large as city's, but few know where the money goes

by Mary Winget

People tend to have a much better understanding of city government than county government, says Ramsey County commissioner Diane Ahrens, even though Ramsey County's budget is twice as large as St. Paul's.

County services, which range from providing mental health facilities to maintaining ice arenas, tend not to be as visible as municipal services such as police and fire protection and street maintenance, she said.

Ramsey County, the smallest but most densely populated county in the state, has been providing its major services for only about ten years. Prior to 1974, health and welfare functions were administered by the city of St. Paul and by independent boards such as the welfare board and the city health department.

By far the largest segment of the county's \$200 million budget goes

for income-support or human service programs such as A.F.D.C. (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), General Assistance and Medical Assistance.

Medical Assistance, according to Ahrens, "is the most expensive welfare program in the state, representing 70% of the total welfare budget."

A significant portion of that money goes to health care for the elderly. Ramsey County now spends \$80 million a year on nursing homes, although the county only pays 4.5% of that with the balance paid by the state and federal government.

Emphasizing the need for more control over who goes into these homes, Ahrens said, "If we don't find some better way to deal with health care for the elderly, we will bankrupt the system."

Some of the alternatives she proposed include: (1) using the equity the elderly have before public money is spent; (2) paying

a stipend to families who are willing to care for elderly parents in their homes; (3) creating an adult foster care system; (4) having homemakers or nurse's aides visit elderly persons on a regular basis to help them with bathing or other difficult tasks.

The number of General Assistance recipients was recently cut in half when the state legislature changed the eligibility requirements, Ahrens said.

Ahrens explained that General Assistance had always been a temporary program for people with a need lasting an average of three months.

She emphasized that "there are people in the streets that have never been there before and their number will increase." An emergency fund has been created in Ramsey County to provide food and shelter.

Victory House in St. Anthony Park is an example of how the fund is used. The shelter is reimbursed \$10 per night for each person it is able to take in.

Almost 54% of the total Ramsey County budget is spent on human services. If you add public safety, Ahrens said—"and I consider corrections to be a human service"—it accounts for two-thirds of the total budget.

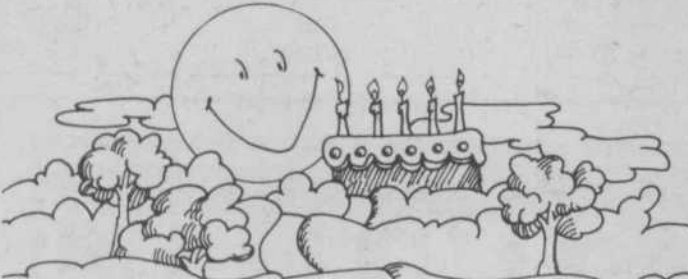
The county also buys land for and maintains parks and recreational facilities. Approximately \$1 million is spent on the arts. The county maintains the Science Museum and Landmark Center.

Almost 40% of the county budget (over \$200 million) comes from the state and federal government. "When the state or federal government starts withdrawing money, it impacts very directly on what we are able to do," said Ahrens.

"Recent cuts," she emphasized, "have had a tremendous impact on the county, and the only place we have to turn is to the property tax." Almost 41% of the county budget comes from the property tax. The remaining 20% comes from fines and various fees for services.

One of the difficulties, Ahrens expressed, "is that we have very little flexibility in the allocation of the budget." There are few things that could be eliminated.

Ice arenas and golf courses could be sold but, she joked, "because there are hockey fans on the board, I don't think that will happen. We must find some source of revenue other than the property tax."



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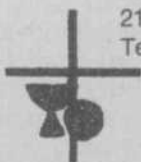


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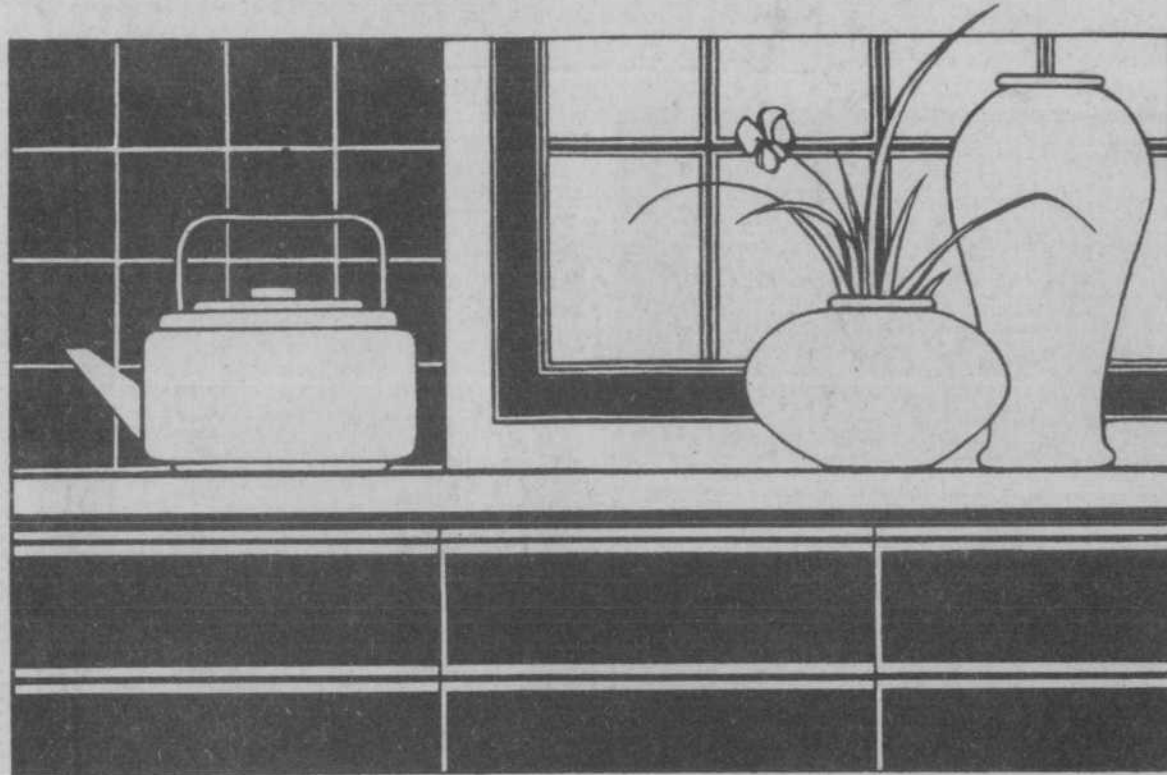
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